



Bills to Watch During the 87th Texas Legislature (2021)

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At Every Body Texas, we believe that all people deserve access to safe, unbiased, high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare services. We advocate for policies and investments in communities across Texas that increase access to care for all people.

*Every Body Texas's Bills to Watch list makes it simple to follow bills that intersect with our [policy priorities](#) for the 87th Texas Legislature: **Support the Safety Net, Healthcare Coverage, and Provider + Program Flexibilities**. Click on the bill number for more information via the [Texas Legislature Online](#). We aim to update this list weekly.*

*The Texas Legislature adjourned the Regular 87th Legislative Session sine die on May 31, 2021. Final action and status in **red**, bills that died during the session are struck out.*

Support the Safety Net

Bill Number	Author	Description	Status
HB 1	Rep. Greg Bonnen	Providing appropriations for the 2022-2023 biennium	Included in SBI , the bill vehicle that became the state budget.
HB 320	Rep. Donna Howard	Providing for the creation of Women's Health Advisory Committee	Referred to House Public Health
HB 3825	Rep. Ana Maria Ramos	Expanding access to women's health care services	Referred to House Public Health



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<u>SB 1</u>	Sen. Jane Nelson	Providing appropriations for the 2022-2023 biennium	6/18/2021 – Signed by the Governor. Certain line items vetoed. Earliest effective date, 9/1/2021.
<u>SB 1722</u>	Sen. Sarah Eckhardt	Expanding access to women’s health care services	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Healthcare Coverage

Bill Number	Author	Description	Status
<u>HB 98</u>	Rep. Lina Ortega	Providing for extended postpartum Medicaid coverage	Referred to House Human Services
<u>HB 107</u>	Rep. Senfronia Thompson	Providing for extended postpartum Medicaid coverage	Referred to House Human Services
<u>HB 131</u>	Rep. Diego Bernal	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid + a Medicaid Buy-in for Certain Children	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HB 133</u>	Rep. Toni Rose	Providing for extended postpartum Medicaid coverage	<p>Senate committee substitute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed from 12 month to 6 months postpartum coverage. • Includes Healthy Texas Women administration by managed care organizations from <u>SB 1149</u>



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			6/15/2021 – Signed by the Governor. Earliest effective date, 9/1/2021.
<u>HB 146</u>	Rep. Shawn Thierry	Providing for extended postpartum Medicaid coverage	Referred to House Human Services
<u>HB 171</u>	Rep. Diego Bernal	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HB 389</u>	Rep. Celia Israel	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HB 398</u>	Rep. John Buey	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HB 414</u>	Rep. Armando Walle	Providing for extended postpartum Medicaid coverage	Referred to House Human Services
<u>HB 509</u>	Rep. Michelle Beckley	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HB 734</u>	Rep. Jessica Gonzalez	Providing for Medicaid coverage for certain pregnant people	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HB 3871</u>	Rep. Julie Johnson	Providing for the Live Well Texas program to provide health benefit coverage to certain individuals	Referred to House Human Services
<u>HB 4406</u>	Rep. Ana Maria Ramos	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HJR 9</u>	Rep. Ron Reynolds	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HJR 23</u>	Rep. Celia Israel	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to House Appropriations
<u>HJR 24</u>	Rep. John Buey	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to House Appropriations



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<u>SB 38</u>	Sen. Judith Zaffirini	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 118</u>	Sen. Nathan Johnson	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 119</u>	Sen. Nathan Johnson	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 141</u>	Sen. Nathan Johnson	Providing for extended postpartum Medicaid coverage	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 217</u>	Sen. Royce West	Providing for expanded eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 521</u>	Sen. Cesar Blanco	Providing for Medicaid coverage for certain pregnant people	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 1187</u>	Sen. Carol Alvarado	Providing for extended postpartum Medicaid coverage	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 1751</u>	Sen. Nathan Johnson	Providing for the Live Well Texas program to provide health benefit coverage to certain individuals	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce
<u>SJR 11</u>	Sen. Judith Zaffirini	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SJR 14</u>	Sen. Nathan Johnson	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SJR 15</u>	Sen. Carol Alvarado	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services



Provider + Program Flexibilities

Bill Number	Author	Description	Status
<u>HB 4</u>	Rep. Four Price	Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services	6/15/2021 – Signed by the Governor. Earliest effective date, 6/15/2021.
<u>HB 105</u>	Rep. Lina Ortega	Relating to the use of promotoras and community health workers in Medicaid managed care	Passed the House on 5/4/2021; Referred to Senate Health and Human Services on 5/17/2021
<u>HB 158</u>	Rep. Shawn Thierry	Providing for Medicaid coverage for doula services	Passed the House on 5/4/2021; Referred to Senate Health and Human Services on 5/13/2021
<u>HB 296</u>	Rep. Nicole Collier	Providing for parenting minors to consent to contraceptive care	Referred to House Public Health
<u>HB 415</u>	Rep. Armando Walle	Providing for Medicaid coverage for doula services	Referred to House Public Health
<u>HB 420</u>	Rep. Carl Sherman	Providing for the creation of a task force on maternal mortality in African American women	Referred to House Public Health
<u>HB 515</u>	Rep. Tom Oliverson	Relating to reimbursement and payment for certain telemedicine and telehealth services	Referred to House Insurance
<u>HB 522</u>	Rep. Julie Johnson	Relating to reimbursement and payment for certain telemedicine and telehealth services	Referred to House Insurance
<u>HB 835</u>	Rep. Donna Howard	Providing for contraceptive coverage in CHIP	Referred to House Public Health
<u>HB 980</u>	Rep. Art Fierro	Relating to reimbursement and payment for certain telemedicine and telehealth services	Reported favorably as substituted from House Insurance on 5/7/21; Set on



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			the House Calendar on 5/13/2021
<u>HB 1722</u>	Rep. Vikki Goodwin	Relating to reimbursement and payment for certain telemedicine and telehealth services	Referred to House Insurance
<u>HB 2651</u>	Rep. Jessica Gonzalez	Requiring insurers to cover up to a 12-month contraception supply	Committee action pending after House Insurance hearing on 4/20/2021
<u>HB 2685</u>	Rep. Shawn Thierry	Providing for a pilot program to provide Medicaid coverage for doula services	Referred to House Human Services
<u>HB 4144</u>	Rep. Garnet Coleman	Providing for coverage of postpartum depression screening and treatment in CHIP perinatal	Referred to House Public Health
<u>SB 136</u>	Sen. Nathan Johnson	Relating to the use of promotoras and community health workers in Medicaid managed care	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 218</u>	Sen. Nathan Johnson	Providing for coverage of postpartum depression screening and treatment in CHIP perinatal	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 228</u>	Sen. Cesar Blanco	Relating to reimbursement and payment for certain telemedicine and telehealth services	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce
<u>SB 412</u>	Sen. Dawn Buckingham	Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services	Committee action pending after Senate Health and Human Services on 3/23/2021
<u>SB 428</u>	Sen. Borris Miles	Providing for the automatic enrollment of certain women in the Healthy Texas Women program	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
<u>SB 536</u>	Sen. Sarah Eckhardt	Providing for parenting minors to consent to contraceptive care + for recently pregnant minors to consent to postpartum care	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services



Bill Number	Author	Description	Status
<u>SB 1149</u>	Sen. Lois Kolkhorst	Requiring the transition of Healthy Texas Women program services to a managed care program	Included in Senate committee substitute for <u>HB 133</u> .